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For: **Textile Substrate Having Coating Containing Multiphase Flurochemical, Cationic Material & Sorbant Polymer Thereon, for Image Printing**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, Applicant submits the attached Statement Under 37 CFR §3.73 (b), Terminal Disclosure Statement to pending US Application Numbers 10/044,171, 10/045,206, 10/044,166, and 10/040,742, and Information Disclosure Statement with Cited References.

Applicant respectfully submits that this Response and its attachments addresses all of the rejections, objections, and comments in the latest Office Action, and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments submitted herewith do not add new matter to the application. In the event that the Examiner believes that the claims would be allowable with minor changes, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss an Examiner's Amendment.

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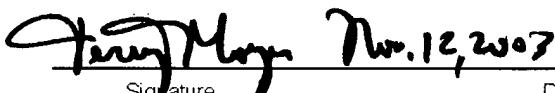
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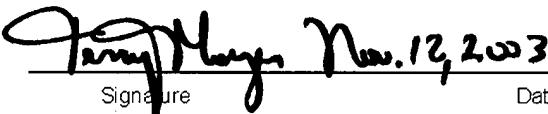
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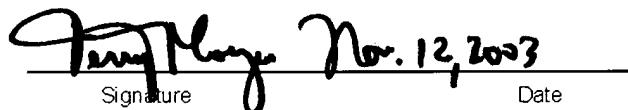
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